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Library opens after extensive cleanup; seating is limited

By S.L. SALAMONE **Managing Editor**

The library is open and ready to serve student needs, and to makeup for the time lost while the library was closed and repairs were being made, the library has new extended hours.

The sorting section is still in disarray with shelving and shelf supports lying here and there, and there are still several aisles miss-

Siskin, catalog librarian said new shelves have been ordered to replace those that could not be fixed, but the library is still waiting for the shipment.

The library, however, re-opened its doors just before Spring break with extended hours on Saturdays. Normal hours were 11 am. to 3 pm. on Saturday, now, the hours are 10 am. to 4 pm.

ing shelves completely. Cynthia but have been neatly arranged on tables. Siskin pointed out that while all the books are available for student use, seating capacity is limited with the books now taking up table space. Book catagories now on tables are art, English and foreign language dictionaries, European and American literature and theater.

The earthquake was almost 10 weeks ago and Siskin said that been repaired and reinforced and set up again. Tau Alpha Epsilon, the honor society on campus, volunteered their time to help the library and custodial staff re-shelve books. Also, cracks found in some of the walls have been repaired.

Siskin attributed the great length of time taken to recieve the new shelves to the nature of the order. She said that the shelves had to be special ordered from North Carolina and were not something normally carried in stock.

Along one of the walls are boxes of books that are to be discarded. Siskin said that there were thousands of them and that they were basically out-dated and, "not worth putting back on the shelves."

The Jan. 17 earthquake caused damage to 91 bookshelf units and created cracks in the library walls. Clean-up began Jan. 18 when water and electricity were restored. Gardeners, technicians, carpenters, machinists, and Library Chairman, David G. May himself, together with some of his family members were among those who contributed to the clean-up.

A library shelving company estimated that the cost of reconstruction would be a minimum of \$15,000.

Funding abuse leads to special election

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW **Editor-in-Chief**

A special Associated Student Union election was held yesterday in Monarch Square to vote in new candidates to the offices of president and vice president. The positions were left vacant in the wake of turmoil created by the accused misuse of funds by ASU officials during a five day trip to Washington DC.

Washington DC funding

The trip, to a "student diversity conference" was taken in late Feb. and attended by five top ASU officials including then acting Vice President and treasurer Liz Alexander, as well as former ASU Chief Justice Robert Burns.

According to ASU members, Alexander violated rules by first taking the proposal for the trip to then president Don Graham who approved the expenditures without bringing them before the ASU Executive Committee, or an official meeting of the ASU Finance Committee.

Graham and Alexander, who were both members of the finance committee, never held an official finance committee meeting and Alexander asked ASU members to attend the meeting, according to ASU officials.

According to Los Angeles Community College board rules governing student governments, "requests for approval of budget expenditures submitted but not acted upon by the finance committee may be passed by a two thirds vote of the full governing body of the Associated Student Organization at their next meeting following the finance committee meeting at which the request was submitted."

Carlos Cueva, ASU's commissioner of Chicano studies told the star that he was asked to go on the trip privately but it was never announced publicly. ""When I asked

Liz (Alexander) if there would be a meeting to discuss the trip I was told no.

David Chavez, former commissioner of Public Relations stated the accounts with left over money from the previous semester had been swept in order to gain funding for the trip.

Graham countered that accusation by saying that while he had approved the trip, moneys had not been swept form any account. "...I am not sure where all of the money came from, I would assume the General Contingencies account."

The ASU Fiscal Budget for the 1993-94 school year written in Sept. stated that the account read "0.00."

The backlash

Graham then resigned from his position on March 9, citing "academic ineligibility" as his reason for the resignation. Replacing Graham was acting Vice President Liz Alexander. In a statement to the ASU Alexander voided all of the non-elected appointments made by Graham.

In turn the ASU executive council, approved a motion made by Commissioner of Scholastic activities, Ella Archebeque to hold "impeachment investigation" into a number of allegations against both Alexander and Robert Burns on a large number of charges including destruction of ASU documents, possible misrepresentation of qualifications to hold office, and possible of misuse of ASU

Before the investigation was completed, both Alexander and Burns resigned from their respective offices. Appointed to the temporary office of President was ASU commissioner of Athletics, Victoria Tomazeysky

During the impeachment investigation it was discovered by the ASU's Chief investigating attorney, Zachiary Tolan that Burns

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Many books were damaged or discarded.

Editorial Don't complain, take action and vote

It is democracy that separates America from much of the world. Yet, surprisingly, not everyone who has the right to vote utilizes the privilege. And not all Americans have always had this right.

Throughout history, people have fought long and hard for a right that we now often take for granted. It was not until 1870 that a law was passed allowing all races to vote. And women could not vote until 1920! (Keep in mind, too, how these advancements were accomplished - people voted for them.)

People tend to vote if they feel that or to gain. But we are not the only beneficiaries of the votes we cast. Our in California just around the corner, the vote is now!

oting is the ultimate expression time to start thinking about it is now. of democracy by an individual. We as college students are especially vulnerable to new laws and regulations, which often affect us indirectly. Yet our age-group has one of the poorest participation rates in the country.

People are often upset about our government and its politics, but rather than complain we should take action and vote. Voting is so simple. Registering to vote is easier than people might think. You may even register by mail. Applications are found in such common places as the DMV or public libraries. You need only be a citizen of the United States, a resident of California, at least eighteen years of age, and they have something personally to lose not a felon currently doing time or on probation.

For more information, call (213) 727children and grandchildren are going 1900 or write to the L.A. County Regto be affected by decisions that were istrar-Recorder / County Clerk, P.O. made today. Everyone should exercise Box 54187, Los Angeles, California, their right to vote. And with elections 90099-4684. The time to register and

Time for dealing with the problem, not the symptom

By JOSHUA FORD

In 1992 and '93 at Los Angeles Valley College there have been 21 aggravated assaults, 68 burglaries from vehicles, 53 vehicles stolen and two robberies. According to Newsweek polls one student been shot or has seen someone being shot, and 18 year olds are now 244% more likely to be killed by guns than they were in 1986. The current wave in American crime policy reform is only going to accelerate the problem.

government's "deal with the symptom instead of the problem" approach to crime is insulting. It has taken us hundreds of years to work ourselves into this mess and it is ridiculous for us to think that there will be an easy solution like reducing television violence or not allowing students to wear clothing deemed "gang related"

ciety into this violent lifestyle is

support systems and the ridicu- should act. lous amount guns in circulation.

The American family unit has been destroyed. There has been a 200% growth in single parent homes in the last 20 years and over 70% of juvenile offenders come from broken families.

We try to blame our problems in six knows someone who has on overpopulation, exposure to violent media and a lack of long enough jail terms, but it is all just

The country of Japan has a greater overpopulation problem than the United States and infinitely more violent television and Our Federal and State movies, yet violent crime in Japan is almost unheard of and it is safe to walk the streets of Tokyo at night. Why? Because less than 300 people in the entire country of Japan are licensed to own handguns and the Japanese family unit is a highly respected institution.

When young children watch television in Japan, their parents are there to tell them that T.V. is The problem that forced our so- just an escape and what is played out in front of them by the media is the destruction of our children's not the way that civilized people access to the tools of death.

children are being reared with no child care cover the duration of the family to act as a support system. The television becomes a surrogate family and what is meant to be an escape from our monotonous routines becomes a lifestyle for dysfunctional adolescents. When this is combined with the current ease of obtaining firearms in America, situations like the recent shooting death of two Marymount students in Palos Verdes occur.

I don't really know how to bring back the value of the American family unit, but we could at least try to limit the amount of life threatening firearms that are circulating through our society.

I am tired of fearing for my life so that Jethro and Billy Bob can have the privilege of driving around half drunk in a pickup truck, firing their pistols indiscriminantly at discarded beer cans. It is time to put severe restrictions on who has

ASU must learn from past mistakes

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW **Editor-in-Chief**

More like a comedy of errors than a Greek tragedy, the Associated Student Union continues to find itself buried under the of the trip. After all it is money rubble created by the uproar of the now famous, "Washington DC

While the San Fernando Valley continues to feel seismic aftershocks to the January 17 earthquake, the ASU continues to rumble feeling aftershocks of the "DC trip." Allegations ranging from academic ineligibility to deskirted.

Instead of asking who did what to whom, maybe the question should be, how did this happen?

obtain a large sum of student body funds and take such a trip with out any public or prior announcement represent us.

Just because someone is elected into office, no matter if it is Presiexcuse for a free ride. The students at Valley voted for our ASU officials because they have promised to be competent and trustworstruction of documents continue thy. Have those officials involved learned to put the Northridge earthto fly while the real questions are in this trip kept their promise? That question, in my opinion, is very easily answered.

The misuse of funds for the trip, as well as the circus that has fol-

I find it inexcusable that a group lowed in it's wake, must be examof students who are here to repre- ined for what it is. Simply put it is sent the student body were able a violation of student trust that is indeed a very sad statement.

The saddest part in all of this fiasco is that the people who have that you and I paid to the ASU to joined the student government with a positive attitude and really do want to make a change thave been marred by the goings on. Even dent of the United States or an though only a select few violated office at Valley College, that is no the rules, everyone must bear the conquences. Remember the old adage, a few bad apple spoils the whole bunch?

Much like the way we have quake behind us, to pick up the pieces and go on, perhaps the ASU should do the same thing, learn from past mistakes but look to the future and move on.

We all need an avenue of independence

□ Welfare recipients should not GAIN as middle class struggles

By D.M.RUSSELL Valley Star Staff Writer

The learning process is a long 1 journey with only speculative results. Motivation, direction and financial support are important elements. Are we on our own or are any government programs left to support this cause? Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) is one county program geared towards helping individuals achieve their goals.

fice of Education (COE), GAIN teaches how to increase self-esteem, goal setting and the optiemployment.

to their offspring and consequently are provided for. Three years of

education process and the first year erb that says, "It takes a whole of settling into employment.

Chances of employment after training are enhanced by tax incentives offered to prospective employers for hiring program participants.

Does this sound good? Well, this wonderful opportunity has a major drawback. It is only available to welfare recipients.

Valley College's Extended Opportunity Program (EOPS) similarly offers counseling, tutoring, book grants, resume and career Teamed up with the County Of- information, but you have to be economically or academically disadvantaged to qualify.

GAIN's attempt to get welfare mism necessary for its participants recipients into the working class to courageously seek education and EOPS' work with low income, handicapped and foreign own. In the United States we have Two years of tuition fees, sup-students is admirable. But what citizens who feel no responsibility plies, books and travel expenses about the student who does not vote," might get a deaf ear but qualify for assistance?

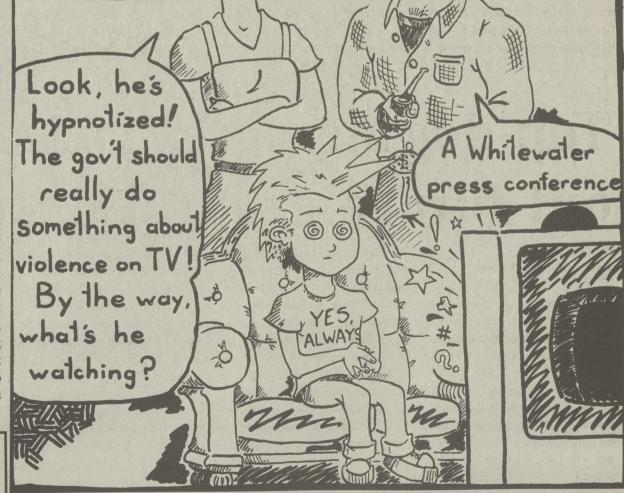
There is an old African prov- greater avenues of independence?

village to raise a child." Do our communities care about education?

President Clinton admitted on ABC's "Asking Children Questions" that inequality, cut backs and lack of assistance in education are problems generated at a state level. He also said that the state of Michigan recently made historical law when passing a vote that property taxes would now be applied to education.

Aiding growing minds through the educational journey is a valid request. The conceptual village should assist in social and educational studies until an individual, preparing to enter the work world, can travel self-sufficiently on their

Shouting out again, "Please wouldn't you too like to GAIN



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DLetters to the editor

Dear Editor:

In response to the article in the March 24 issue of the Valley Star concerning racism on campus, I am greatly concerned that the District's non-discrimination policy be well-understood by students, faculty, and staff.

Under Board Rule 1203, any person who believes himself or herself to be a victim of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, disability, etc. may file a complaint with the college or with the District. Informal review pro-

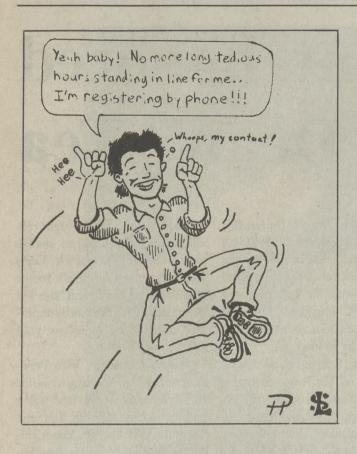
cedures, wherein no written com- all colleges. plaint has been filed, are limited to 30 days. Thereafter, any person filing a written complaint has the right to receive a written letter of

The policy and procedures concerning sexual harassment, set forth in a seperate Board Rule, are under review at the present time. Although colleges have been conducting their own staff development and training activities in this area for some time, the recent mandatory sessions were initiated by the Board of Trustees to benefit

Certainly the need to educate is apparent. In addition, I agree that the time has come to seriously address other discrimination issues as well because if any one person or group is victimized by racism, sexism or discrimination in any form, then we are all victims by definition and by default.

Rodney L. Patterson Director of Affirmative **Action Programs** Los Angeles Community College District

OPINION





Thank you for calling Valley College's new automated phone service ... If you are calling to make a counseling appointment please press Inow. If You have any cats you wish to sell to the Biology Department, press 2 now. If you wish to contribute to Dr. Lee's early retirement fund, press 3. If you are dying from second handsmoke and have only been going to Valley for one semester, press 4 now. If you belong to some ethnic group that has been offended by last week's political cartoon, press 5 now. If you are calling to missing complain about the Junior High atmosphere in Front of the Behavioral Science Building press 6 now. If you belong to the only ethnic group that doesn't have a club and would like to start one, don't bother pressing anything, the ACLU would be on your buttina second ..

Term limits and waste go hand-in-hand

By JEANETTE GOLDBERG from office in April? Valley Star Staff Writer

There are times I feel that noth-I ing is worth anything anymore. This State is going to hell in a handbasket and my education and that of my son are not worth the fees or taxes paid for them. No body gives a damn! What is worse is that people who represent us and safeguard our interest, are too busy looking for work.

If you are confused, good. Take notes because, we need to make the difference. California is supposed to be in a budget crisis. Our on such nonsense. I suggest that elected officials from the Governor on down are supposed to be looking for ways to cut unnecessary spending.

In case you did not know it this month there is an election to recall State Senator David Roberti. How- a law prohibiting recalls within ever, under term limit require- six months of a legislator's term ments the guy will be leaving office in June. Then why are we tant waste and why aren't voters having an election to remove him doing anything about it?

The State, County and City are spending the same money on this issue, they would spend on a regular election. The polls will be open the same hours. The mailing costs are the same. Election officials will be paid the same. The people whose houses or businesses are used as voting sites will be paid the same.

I hope that the recall fails. I hope that the ACLU or any "hot shot" lawyer files a class action against those who sought this stupid election. Maybe we can replace the money that was wasted none of you vote for any of the candidates running to replace Roberti. If they are so determined to waste money that could have around for new elected offices. Then why in the hell, were been spent on education and health, Even first term office holders are ome bozos allowed to waste. I wonder how much money they pre-occupied with career advance—that you are not a taxpayer. If you money on a superfluous election? will waste if elected to any official

> Why didn't our legislature pass expiration? Why is there such bla-

Term limits and waste go hand- and support. in-hand. Proponents of term limits promised that this would eliminate waste and corruption. What a joke! How many of you know who your local and state representatives are? Have you been following why critical legislation often dies a certain death? According to the Sacramento Bee, it is because term limof legislators.

Here is how it happens: several legislators who are in the final stretch of their terms have "bailed." They quit to run for new offices! Their positions as chairs of legislative committees remain vacant. Others, who are starting their second term of office are scouting ment. Thus, they do not have time to attend committee meetings. The end result is that important issues are tabled due to lack of a quorum. They are also too busy to attend sessions and vote, so legislative bills are held over to the next session or defeated for lack of interest

Some of these issues are related to education, tuition, health care and crime. Unless we speak out, our State and City officials will become elected phantoms who bandit salaries from taxpayers. I am writing to the Secretaries of both the State Assembly and Senate to see if our representatives are its have limited the attention span doing their job. I am going to check their records to see how they voted, for or against community college issues.

I want an accounting of what my local and state representatives have been doing. I suggest the rest of you do the same. I am including a list of the representatives in this and surrounding areas. We need to do something, and fast.

Don't fall back on the excuse purchased anything that has a state tax charge, then you are a taxpayer! If you ever had State and Federal taxes deducted from you paycheck, you are a taxpayer! Act like it! Demand the excellence, the attendance, and the service you expect as a taxpayer!

Registration is just a phone call away

By SYLVIA FIGUEROA and system goes into permanent us-LAURA RENOLDS Valley Star Staff Writers

In a new era of communication, Los Angeles Valley College's registration procedures will be just a phone call away.

A trial plan of the new telephone registration will begin in the Summer Semester, and if the plan succeeds we will be introduced to what many educational institutions have had the pleasure of utilizing

According to Billy Reed, Associate Dean of Admissions and Records, Valley has not had the opportunity to implement this new system because we are part of nine other community colleges within a district. If Valley gets started on a new program, so do the rest of the nine other colleges in the district. This, of course, takes time and a great amount of input and research from the entire administration personnel and from the Board of Trustees.

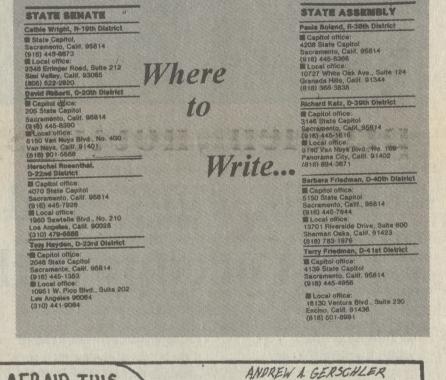
The new system will be on a trial basis during the summer, so that fore the fall semester, when the for moving us into the future.

The phone number to be installed will be either a tolled 900 line, a toll free 800 number, or a local line. The toll free munber would be the best choice in terms of convenience and cost to students. Phone registration should be free of charge, and available to all students. Another fee would only place a new burden on students.

The new service also will benefit students because it will give updates on open and closed class es, as well as fees due upon registration. Another plus is that registration fees will be payable by credit card.

Those of you not thrilled by using the phone to register for classes at Valley will still be able to mail in your registration and partake in the old fashioned, in-person registration ritual.

Regardless of your preference, thumbs up to Valley for its descision to finally install this any kinks can be worked out be- time-saving device to work and



Top-dog hierarchy locks out future generations

By D.M.RUSSELL Valley Star Staff Writer

Bills that become constitutionally legal and socially devastating are unjust political conclusions.

Although we tend to team up justice with criminal law, I find it difficult to ignore the concept of justice while college fees climb bills are passed as if they are working solutions for a deteriorating society, economy and environment.

This age of technological advancement may make life easier for those who can afford such luxury, and more prosperous for those who research and develop. Unfortunatly, this technology leaves in its wake polluted waters, foul air and concrete jungles.

The displaced, underprivileged, maimed drivers and pedestrians, prescription drug addicts, cancer victims, unemployed and poverty stricken are further remnants of progress. Is this justice?

Valiant political efforts that wage war on such negatives as drugs and crime have not only been void of solutions but have absorbed government funds gentional programs.

and its ties to capitalism, judicial and political buy-outs, corporate murder by environmental pollutants and tax breaks for the rich.

Research conclusions that are commonplace, claim deprived environments lead to aggressive behavior and simply label the poor as 'dangerous classes' rather than further out of reach, and crime insightfully leading politicians to do something about unequal economic and educational opportunities. Is this justice?

> Much needed psychological studies that look at the problems of domestic violence, sexual abuse and social adaptation do not seem to qualify as worthy government concerns.

The obvious focus on elitist interests, nuclear weaponry, the space age and foreign policy is politically bias. What happened to a concern for humanity?

Why is it so difficult to get an education, rehabilitation or social programs that will benifit the American character, when it is so easy for minorities to get locked up. Is this justice?

We are the future, yet every political blockade imaginable attempts erally given to social and educa- to keep the majority uneducated, unadvanced and deceived so that

Beyond the reality of poverty the few at the top can stay there.

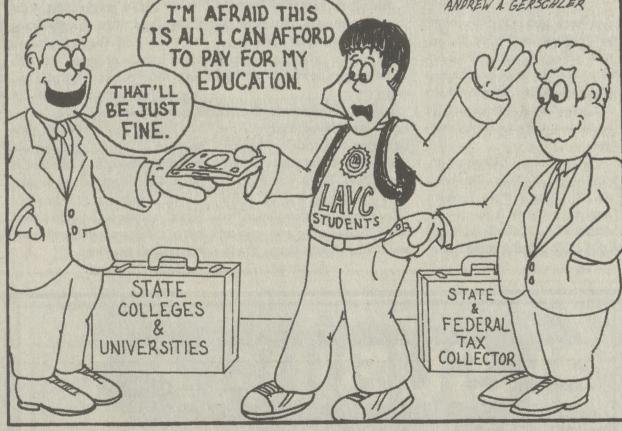
This top-dog hierarchy is also evident at Valley College. Administrators have sanitary bathroom and eating facilities, while students do not. Our trusted leaders are under scrutiny for misappropriation of funds. Some professors are fighting for the right to obtain sexist academic freedom. We are obviously socialized to be enslaved to an unjust order.

Futurists please unite! Tomorrow is only a day away. We are in desperate need for inventors and developers that will create new American products and environmentally safe factories. We need researchers that will delve deep into social, criminal and economic

We need social educators and visionary leaders who will begin new mindsets and movements.

We need white males fighting for equality rather than minorities and women contesting inequality. This will be justice.

We can grow and prosper if we open our consciousness and pass it on. Like the salmon, it is time to swim upstream. It is time to travel against the grain and expose the contradictions of justice because the grain is currently unjust.



No tax breaks for broke students

By TIFFINIE P. McENTIRE ition, or anything related to school. **Opinion Editor**

las, spring is in full bloom. ABirds are singing, the days are longer, and dear old Uncle Sam is waiting for his slice of American pie. Yes, folks, tax season is upon us.

To be sure, students will be frustrated, and not too surprised, to find when they file their income tax returns to good 'ole Uncle Sam (ie. the Federal Government) and to our golden state of California that they do not get any kind of write off or refund for books, tu-

Wouldn't you think that since you're investing your time and money into an education that will benefit not only you as an individual, but society as a whole, you could maybe get a little pat on the back come tax time, say, in the form of a write off?

It's really unfortunate that our government has such little regard for students. Isn't it bad enough that we are bombarded yearly by tuition fee hikes, rising book prices, and constant cut backs of classes and instructors?

Maybe it's time for us, as stu-

dents and voters, to find people willing to create legislation that will find ways to praise students financially, with either tax write offs or with better access to financial aid.

Take a look around you, maybe there's an instructor, friend, or employer that would be a likely candidate. Then again, maybe it's time for you to write or call your local or state representatives already working for you and put them to work on something positive. Its' about time our politicians did something for our, and their,



Plastic eggs and fingerprints occupy little hands

By D.M.RUSSELL Valley Star Staff Writer

went hand in hand when the Administration of Justice, the Associated Student Union and the Single Parent Society united to sponser of toy prizes. an egg hunt and fingerprinting for the children of Valley College students.

A member of Valley's wildlife enjoys the campus scenery.

Commissioner of Campus Improvement, Rayvone Douthard, ly seek out. So, it was great. " was the event's main sponser. Douthard's toys and trinkets went home with the children while the fingerprinting programs, student

for the homes of student mothers.

Parents expressed their joy at Plastic eggs and fingerprints the opportunity to have personal records of their child's identity as much as the group of children swarming around a cardboard box

Student and grandmother Sandra they are expensive. Anglin said she had been wanting fingerprints for awhile. She said, "It's not something you conscious-After mentioning that the police department no longer offered free A.J. Club's fingerprinting equip- and mother Melissa Barragan add-

ment supplied a permanent record ed, "It's a great opportunity. You never know what will happen."

A.J club's police cadet, Paul Castro said, "the fingerprinting went very well. We were glad we could help the children." He said that Montgomery Wards and Kodak offer indentifaction kits but

Children had a different prospective. When three-year-old Jonathan Barragan was asked if he liked the fingerprinting he said, "Fine." Anglin's grandaughter Violet said she was a little scared but was happy about her stickers, magnet and two rings.

588 students honored at LAVC Dean's Tea

By LAURA DENIS Valley Star Staff Writer

Of the 17,000 Los Angeles Valley College students, 588 of Valley's best and brightest assembled in Monarch Hall to be honored by faculty, staff and students at the Dean's Reception comment on her long speech by April 6.

The Dean' List is comprised of students who earn a grade point average of 3.6 or above in 12 units for the preceding semester or who have completed 30 or more units at LAVC with a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better.

Laurie Roberts, the President of Tau Alpha Epsilon (TAE) LAVC's scholastic honors society, presented the Dean's List. She explained what was needed to become a member of the honor ro!l. She said, "It means giving up those long weekends to Tahoe. You overcome obstacles and go the extra mile.'

Congratulatory remarks were given by Jack Sterk, President of the Academic Senate, Tyree O. Wieder, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Mary E. Lee, President of LAVC. Sterk began his speech by wishing Dr. Lee all the best in her new assignment at Pierce College. He went on to discuss the need to eradicate gender and racial biases. He said. "Good, honest, decent humans come in all sizes and shapes." Sterk emphasized the strive for excellence, "You should ask for more. You can be better, we can be

Wieder referred to the earthquake as a learning experience for everyone. She said, "The beginning of the semester was a wake up

months, have learned skills we didn't have." She expressed the importance of critical thinking and her excitement at becoming the new LAVC President. She also made a joke about not wanting her speech to be so long.

Dr. Lee referred to Wieder's saying, "Your speeches will get shorter because there will be more of them to give." She conveyed the importance of setting goals and not being afraid of change. She said, "Set your goals and late you."

call. I think all of us, in the last few make decisions for the right reasons. Don't be afraid to change your mind." This was Dr. Lee's last opportunity to speak to the students at LAVC and she left them with this, "The most important thing to do is follow your heart."

Marina Gonzalez, Vice President of TAE gave closing remarks. She thanked everyone who was a part of setting up the Tea and congratulated all of the honor students. She said, "This day belongs to the students. I congratu-



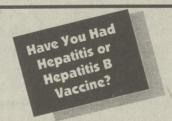
Departing Pres. Mary Lee smiles for the camera at the Dean's Tea.

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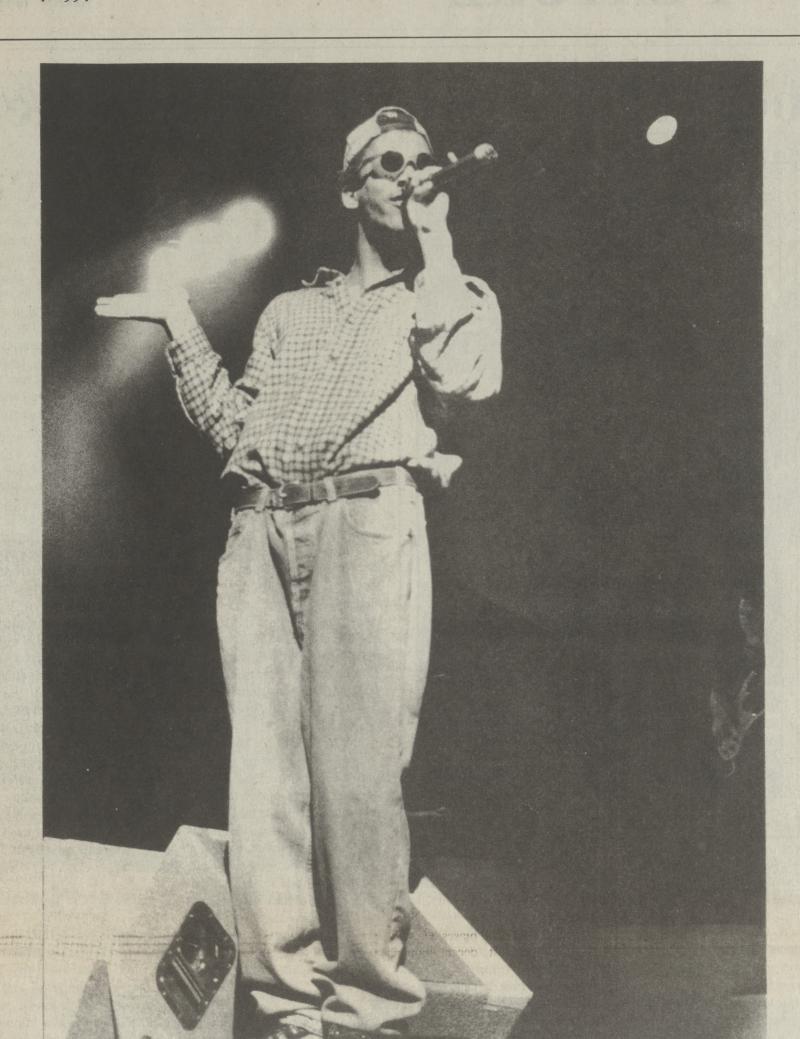
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Kobie Powell aka High C handing out a rap at the Us 3 show at the Universal Amphitheater.

Concert Review

Us3 plays us sample in person

BY VINCENT NICOLETTI Valley Star Staff Writer

Take old jazz tunes from the Blue Note jazz label's catalog, sample them and then put them together in segments to make whole songs with hip hop rap vocal tracks overlaid and you've got Us3 (pronounced us three).

Us3 opened up for UB40 at the Universal Amphitheater last Monday, to a fairly large crowd, considering it was Monday of spring break. For a band that used old jazz samples as the meat of their recordings, it was very honorable to see a real band playing those sampled parts live.

The album, Hand on the Torch, is largely composed of samples from jazz greats such as Herbie Hancock, Horace Silver, Donald Byrd, Art Blakey, and Thelonious Monk.

In person, the band is made up of rappers Tukka Yoot, Kobie Powell (High C), and Rahsaan leading a capable band. Members include Steve Williamson on sax, Ed Jones on tenor sax and Gerard Presencer on trumpet with Matthew Cooper on Keyboards.

Us3's performance moves along mainly carried by the vocals of the rappers. To compete with samples of all-time Jazz classics is difficult, especially live. Though Us3's live performance added a

However, you can't help but any planet. wonder if the musicians felt a little patched together like a musical warmed up.

quilt so that the changes would seem a bit awkward.

Conceptually, the metamorphosis from jazz classics to sampled recordings, to live performances, shows generation, regeneration and another generation. This might be a first.

The original generation being the jazz classics, the regeneration being the sampling of those old recordings, and another generation being live performances. One must consider this carefully.

All this aside, the performance Monday night showed that Us3 can pull off a good show, though they have room to mature.

The show opened with Tukka Yoot's Riddem, a song named after Yoot, who has a distinctly Jamaican rap style. This song relies less heavily on the samples than others with its up-tempo conga groove.

With only one album, Us 3 might have been expected to play the whole thing, and they did just that.

One of the more popular numbers on the album, the song Eleven LongYears (which was originally Song for My Father, as written and performed by Horace Silver, the legendary jazz pianist), had a hard time with the contrast between the samples on the recording and the live perfor-

This might be because the recording of Eleven Long Years new dimension that is not on their is mainly a sample of Horace album, which is that of being a Silver's piano playing, which would be hard to compete with on

The finale, Cantaloop (Flip restricted playing parts that are Fantasia), drew the biggest resamples on the recording. And sponse from the crowd though it some of those samples have been seemed like the band had just

Entertainment Calendar

Theatre: Friday/Saturday

The Lab Theater is back in action with a student written and directed one-act play that opens in the Shoebox Theater Friday, April 8 at 1 and 8 p.m. and continues Saturday, April 9 at 8 p.m. only.

The play, titled The Unicorn Hunter, was written by Andrew Rubio for the Beginning Play Writing class (TA 130) taught by Peter Parkin.

Directing the play is Anne E. Clark, a Theatre Arts major here at LAVC. Last semester, Clark wrote and directed the one act play Red Door.

The play is a completely stu-

around a disillusioned doctor that has termites and has recently lost his wife. He is shown the value of dreams by a long time resident of an old folks home who tries to reunite the doctor with his son.

All performances are free however seating is limited.

Music: Today

Today at 11 a.m. in the Music Room 112 there will be a performance by the Robert Kyle Jazz Quartet. This free performance is part of the Campus Concert Se-

Next Thursday: Lynn Cole Adcock, soprano, performs in the dent production. The story centers Music recital hall at 11 a. m.

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Dancing to the beat of his own jazzy drummer

Transcending the norm, Prof. Carlson's love of music captivates his students.

By: MARI FINLAN Valley Star Staff Writer

it were a fine brandy. "This is tasty, tasty stuff," Richard Carlson tells his Jazz Appreciation stuhe means it. Some of them be- pared." come infected with Carlson's passion and some do not, but few can miss seeing that its there.

ment at Valley for 31 years and love affair with music. chairman of the department for 23. He has seen a lot of changes, many of which he wishes he hadn't

Imagine the Los Angeles Philharmonic or the San Francisco Ballet perfoming for The Valley College Campus Concert Series. It may sound like a day dream, but both of those groups performed here, as did Count Basie's ended up getting in a lot of little band and other great performers. That was what Carlton calls "the good old days," referring to the 60s and 70s before proposition 13 cut school monies, and rus. When I joined that chorus, it shifted funding responsibility to just changed my whole life." he the state level. At that time the says, "I found out that this was Campus Concert Series had a something I could really excel at. yearly budget of \$45,000 not the \$500 it has today.

In 1968 the Valley College Jazz respected me for it." Band, under Carlson's direction, won the West Coast Intercollegiate Jazz Festival, and then went on to the nationals. "That was unheard of," he says, "a two-year college competing with Notre Dame and Michigan and other big four-year schools." Despite the lack of precedent, the Valley College Jazz Band finished third in the nation.

us in the music department, and naturally its affected theatre and somewhat even art," Carlson He closes his eyes and purses says, "is the huge cut-backs in his lips, savoring the music as if those subjects in the junior and senior high schools. Very few schools have a music program anymore. Students coming to us dents, and its not hard to see that today are considerably less pre-

On the porch at the entrance to the music building, Carlson puffs his pipe and talks about the past He's been in the music depart- and the present, and his life-long

> It started back in the fourth grade. He was a kid who might have fit any number of psychological profiles, but in plain terms he was causing trouble and not fitting in. "I was small for my age," he explains, "and I was always getting myself in trouble on the playground because I was trying to show my machoness. I fights." The thing that changed everything was not a psychological evaluation or a daily dose of Ritalin, it was fourth grade cho-It took the feistiness out of me, and I was proud of it, and people

From that point on music was the dominating force in Carlson's life. The following year he started taking lessons on the clarinet. And by the time he graduated high school he had earned a full tal College in Glendale.

rupted by the Korean War. "In cerned. He came back to college those days you didn't get a defer- with an even stronger purpose to Since then things have ment. You got to finish the semeschanged. "One thing that has hurt ter you were in, but that was it,"



D'ANDRE FORD/Valley Star Richard Carlson, captivates classes with the energy he transmitts

he says. A year into college he went into the army, and for three years he played in the army band. Two of those years were spent with the General Headquarters Band in Tokyo. Even though he scholarship in music to Occiden- was still playing music, Carlson says he felt he was wasting his College, however, was inter- time as far as his career was concomplete his degree and get his teaching credentials. Five years

later he had his masters degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Cal State University, Los Angeles.

From there he went straight into teaching, first at North Hollywood Jr. High, then at Taft High, and then at Valley, where ing. he has been ever since.

Part of the greatness of the early years was Carlson's relationships with jazz greats Stan Kenton and Buddy Rich. "Stan was a

good friend of mine, he says, "and he was very good to this college." Kenton knew the quality of players in the Valley Jazz Band, and would call Carlson if he lost a player from his own group. "I'm going on the road," he might say, "and I just lost my third trumpet player," or "my second alto saxaphone player. Have you got anybody who could do it?" And without seeing the prospect, he would take Carlson's advice. "A lot of young players got a break with him," Carlson says. "We had that happen also with Buddy Rich. He called me one time requesting a bass player. I had a real, went with him.

Through most of his teaching career Carlson has also done a great deal of performing and studio work. He played first clarinet for 13 years with the San Fernando Symphony, was a member of the Los Angeles Concert Band, and toured with Barnum and Bailey Circus in the summers. That, in addition to casual work with various groups around town, kept him busy nearly every night and weekend.

But in the mid 80s he decided to give most of that up. "I don't play much anymore," he says. "I got tired. I was too busy, teaching all the time here, and then having rehearsals literally every night for one group or another, and then working on the weekend." He didn't have time for himself he says, and he decided to quit playing "Everybody said I was going to miss it, and I really don't miss it. I did it all once, and I enjoyed it when I did it, but it was exhaust-

Now he still plays occasionally with dance groups or big bands. Friends call from time to time asking him to play, which he sweet note.

does as a favor to them.

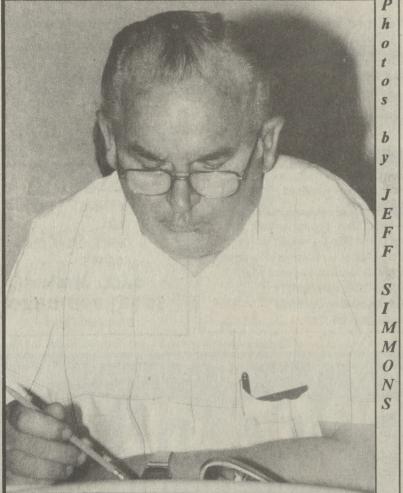
On teaching, Carlson says, "It's intangible. You really don't know what you have or have not accomplished with a student." Yet some do come back and let him know. Hundreds of Valley music students have gone on to successful careers in music. "We've got quite a few that have gone on to write movie music and television music," he says, "and they'll come back now and then. A lot of them have gone on to become what we call studio musicians in the recording field. That is rewarding."

Carlson is scheduled for retirereal good one at the time, and he ment in June of 1995. Though it's not carved in stone, he says, that's probably what he'll do. Once he retires, he'll probably travel a little and play more golf. Possibly he'll spend more time with his daughter and his three little granddaughters.

> And will he play more music? "That could be, it is a possibility," he says. He'd have more time to do the practice and get his 'chops' back.

For now he teaches music and jazz appreciation and deals with the frustrations of being chairmen of the music department. "That part of teaching is not fun," Carlson says. "Dealing with the budget problems and equipment problems and fighting to keep the music programs going can be a headache."

"But once I'm in the classroom," he says, "then everything's wonderful." In the classrom, the music washes over the room from the two big speakers at the front, and he moves with the music as if he's directing it, always knowing where it's going and what is coming next; and savoring every



Non-traditional students, Marion Canipe (above) and Mary Louise Gange (below) appreciate the values of an education



Bright outlook forecasted for New Horizons

By MARI FINLAN Valley Star Staff writer

A white haired woman pedals her bicycle along the drive. A middle aged man in jeans and sneakers strolls along the walkway. A woman in her thirties carries a baby up the steps. On any school day such people can be seen among the mixture of races, life styles and national origins that make up the student body of Valley. Not what is traditionally considered college age, they are often referred to as "non-traditional students."

These students may have never been to college before, or they may have bachelors or masters degrees or anything in between. Whatever their status, they often return to school with a different perspective on education.

Robert Walsh is at-

tending Valley full-time as a journalism major. When he originally went to college at Ohio State during the 1970's, he majored, he says, "in beer drinking and guitar playing." Not having attained his degree in either subject, he went to work in construction and utilities. Now, at age 41, he is working toward his liberal arts degree and making a 3.93 grade point av-

Non-traditional students appear to be a minority on campus because most of them attend parttime. They range in age from 25 to over 75 and their reasons for

coming back to school may range from simple pleasure in learning to a desperate need for new knowledge and skills.

Behind a green roofed porch, chairs in shades of orange and yellow are arranged in a circle in the carpeted bungalow that serves as the New Horizons Center. Here, program director Barbara Goldberg counsels single parents and displaced homemakers to help them stay in school and learn new marketable skills. Most of these people are considered non-tradi-

"I don't remember my age. If I'm talking to someone who is 23 then I am 23.... It enriches my life. The things going on in the world mean more."

-Helen Gilman, Valley student, on education

tional students. Many of them, she says, are surviving at or below the poverty level. They have serious financial or domestic troubles, and they come to Goldberg for help. "I do career counseling," she says, "but most of what I do ends up being crisis counseling."

She talks about one woman who came here from New York after her husband died. She was both a displaced homemaker and a single parent with two small children to support, but she got into the program and stayed with it. "She had a lot of financial prob-

maintained an attitude of 'nothing can stop me. I can do it" With the help of supportive family members and the New Horizons program, she was able to complete her studies and transfer to Cal State Northridge, where she is now working toward a law degree.

All of the New Horizon's students should be proud, Goldberg says, because of the odds they overcome to stay in school. "To me, they are all success stories."

Helen Gilman is among those

at the other end of the spectrum. She came back to school solely for the pleasure of learning. When Gilman retired, she says, she felt a need for something more in her life. At first, she did charity work and got involved in politics, but still she felt a need for something more. Nine years ago, she enrolled in three classes at Valley.

Now, at 72, she is down to one class a semester. When asked if attending college at her age presents any difficulties, Gilman says no. "I don't remember my age. If I'm talking to someone who is 23, then I'm 23." She expresses an appreciation for education that she says she did not have when she was younger. "It enriches my life. The things going on in the world mean more."

Nationwide, the percentage of college students over the age of 25 has been steadily rising. It has gone from 28 percent in 1970 to

lems," Goldberg says, "but she 43.9 percent in 1990. What these statistics mean or should mean has been the subject of debate among some college policy planners.

> George Prather and Dexter Kelly, of the Los Angeles Community College District Office of Research and Planning, argue, in a report on student characteristics, that what the statistics actually show is the full establishment of two-year colleges, which are structured to accommodate the non-traditional student.

> The dramatic rise in the percentage of older students in college has not been seen in the Los Angeles Community College district because such student have always made up almost 50 percent of the student body. In 1976, the percentage was well above this, at almost 67 percent. So the argument that the growth of community colleges is responsible for the "rise of the non-traditional student," seems well supported.

> The slightly more mature faces, the business suits that show up for evening classes straight from work or the gray haired woman at the next desk, are all part of the tapestry of cultures and life styles that make up the student body at Valley. On community college campuses, the presence of the non-traditional student is apparently a long standing tra

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Eric Morante

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Mike Labrunda

By JOSLIN FRIEDMAN

The baseball game against the

Oxnard Condors started out civi-

lized enough on Tuesday at 2 p.m.,

complete with a new PA system

that played the national anthem,

allowed the starting lineups to be

read and music to be played be-

tween the innings. But then things

went sour for the Valley Mon-

archs, when the Condors started

leading and ended up winning the

game 14-12. As if that weren't

enough, an argument broke out in

the stands sending one person to

their car until the game was fin-

The Monarchs led the game 7-2

through the end of the fourth in-

ning. Then the Condors took the

lead in the top of the fifth inning

and brought the score to 8-7, which

lasted through to the bottom of the

ished.

Valley Star Staff Writer

David Stevenson

Monarchs statistics an conferencegames

-as of Monday April 4

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seventh inning. By the end of that

inning, the score was 9-8 with

Valley on top. The game then

turned into that of cat-and-mouse.

with the two teams going at it neck

and neck. The game went into an

extra inning after the score was

tied 12-12 after the ninth inning.

The Condors eventually added two

more runs to their score and won

Valley made 6 errors and got 15

hits. Designated hitter, Jorge

and scored 2 runs. Third baseman,

Victor Seper, was also 3 for 5

Tuesday. He had 3 RBI's and

Oxnard made only one pitching

change during the game, while

Valley made seven. Valley had 15

hits but earned only 8 runs, and

Oxnard had 10 hits and earned all

the game.

scored 1 run.

AB-at bats. H-Hits, HR-Homeruns, AVR-Batting average, SLG-Slugging avg.

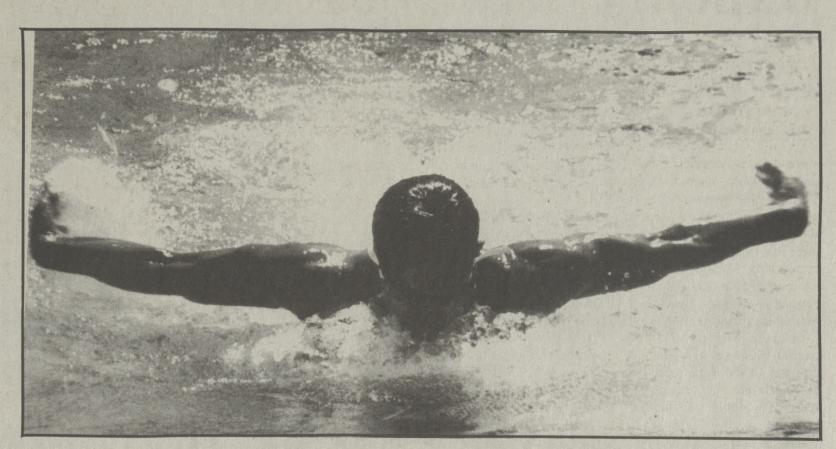
Condors edge out Monarchs

in a 10 inning thriller, 14-12

Valley loss downs record to 6 wins and 7 losses

SPORTS

Monarch swim teams fall to Santa Monica, Cuesta



JEFF SIMMONS/Valley Star

Valley College Monarch's swimmer, Armen Khalafyan, practices the butter fly for the next swim meet at Ventura on Friday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m.

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN **Sports Editor**

The Valley Monarchs' men's swim team went 0-2 in the last two meets, losing to Santa Monica 57-55, and falling to Cuesta 72-43.

"This was a heartbreak loss for our men swimmers," said Valley Head Coach Bill Krauss about the meet against Santa Monica on March 25, "We swam very well and we would have won if we

could have won a few close races." Raymond Akopyan won three events for the Monarchs by finishing first in the 200 yard individual medley in 2 minutes and 7.5 seconds, the 200 butterfly in 2:12.0 and the 200 breaststroke in 2:26.5.

Krauss said, "He [Akopyan] has dominated the competition all season long in the individual medley

Danny Kim won the 50 freestyle in 22.9 seconds and the 100 freestyle in 51.4 seconds.

Neil Ferrero won the 1 meter diving competition with 209 points and the 3 meter event with 223 points.

The meet against Cuesta on April 1 left Valley wishing that it was an "April Fool's" joke.

"Cuesta dominated us in this Dorado, hit 3 for 5, had 3 RBI's meet," said Krauss.

Valley won two events. Ferrero won the 1 meter diving competition again, and Akopyan won the 200 freestyle in 1:50.4 and placed second in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:08.6.

"Cuesta has a very good team which is favored to win the Western States Conference Championships at the end of April," said Krauss.

Women lose two meets, Myers a shoe-in to qualify for state championships in late April

Shanyn Myers establishes fast time to qualify for the State meet

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN **Sports Editor**

The Los Angeles Valley College Monarchs' women's swim team fell to Santa Monica and Cuesta in the last two meets on March 25 and April 1, respec-

Santa Monica beat Valley 77-61 and Cuesta won by the score of Monica beat the Monarchs not butterfly in what Krauss described

'We swam well against Santa too much depth for us."

Shanyn Myers won three events. She took the 50 yard freestyle in won, they would place second and 26.4 seconds, the 50 butterfly in 29.1 and the 100 freestyle in 58.7.

stroke in 1:17.4 and the 50 breaststroke in 35.1.

Anush Mkrtumyan won the 1 meter and 3 meter diving competi-

Winning a race gets the team 5 points, coming in second gets 3 points and third place is worth 1 point. Krauss felt that Santa necessarily by winning the races, as "an outstanding time" of 28.6. but by getting the points for finish-Monica," said Valley College Head ing second and third and outscoring Coach Bill Krauss, "but they had the Monarchs 6-5 in the races that Valley won.

third," said Krauss.

The Cuesta women also had 2:29.5.

Ann Choi won the 100 breast- much more depth than our team." said Krauss.

> "We swam well and we won the 200 freestyle relay," said Krauss, "but were just touched out in the 200 medley relay." unincara or, acsava, a two-year

> Myers won the 100 freestyle in 58.6 and placed second in the 50

The time of 28.6 seconds should qualify her [Myers] for the state championships," said Krauss.

Elizabeth Valdes-Kennedy won "It seemed like every event we the 100 backstroke in her season best time of 1:12.0 and Choi won the 200 individual medley in

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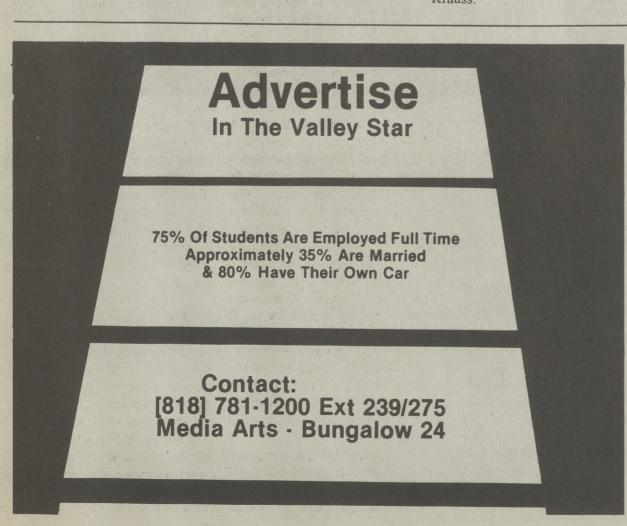
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was ineligible after discovering Point." that Burns was academically ineligible since Board rules forbid students in their first semester at Valley may not hold office.

that Burns, who had stated that he to see any receipts," said Graham. was a former West Point student, had left in order to care for a sick tary Academy located in West Point New York. "I contacted West Point and after checking into the

matter they responded in a letter know that another \$120.00 is also viser, Dean of Student Services

\$1724.00 still outstanding

As ASU treasurer, Alexander is responsible to turn over all receipts from the trip to the ASU It was also discovered by Tolan, executive Council. "We have yet

It has been confirmed however that the conference cost of relative, had never attend the Mili- \$1724.00 has yet to be paid. "They are still calling us and asking for the money," Tolan said. "We also

that Burns had never attended West owed to the conference for T-shirts and other Miscellaneous items."

According to Tolan a total now standing at approximately \$4,636 .00 of ASU funds was used for the trip. "Another reported \$1000.00 was paid in hotel expenses, \$3000.00 in airfare, and \$600.00 dollars made payable to Alexander for incidental expenses was paid out from the Valley College business office." said Tolan.

Posts left open The ASU's ad-

Posts left open

The ASU's adviser, Dean of Student Services approved the trip but left Valley to start another job before the students return was replaced by Sam Mayo who formerly served as Valley's dean of Academic Affairs.

Also leaving in the wake of the uproar, was the ASU's commissioner of Public relations.

A bevy of other commissioners

were forced to step down after a academic eligibility check was done and over half of the commissioners were forced to step down.

"The resignations of commissioners has left many open positions in the ASU. students should come and check it out." Said Ella Arechebeque.

Getting back on their feet

"The ASU is ready to start moving again." said acting president Tokmazeysky. The ASU constitution requires a special election to elect a new president within 14 days of a presidents resignation. Don Graham, who was ineligible at the time he first ran for office is now eligible and is running once more, and is unopposed.

Running for the office of Vice President is Ella Arechebeque commissioner of Scholastic Activities who is also running unopposed. Results will be available today. "I honestly hope this election is the dawn of a new day." Said Archebeque.

Presidential candidates bring platforms to Valley









AFT presidential canidates Henry Ealy, George Rubio, Leon Marziller and Brahama D. Sharma presented their patforms Valley faculty Monday.

By LAURA DENIS Valley Star Staff Writer

Playing on past achievements and promising future excellence, presidential candidates for the American Federation of Teachers college Guild, Local 1521 gave their campaign speeches at a meeting on April 4.

There are currently four candidates running for the office of AFT president. They are Henry Ealy, George Rubio, Brahama D Sharma, and the current President Leon Marzillier is up for re-elec-

Ealy is a professor of American Cultures at Los Angeles City College. Ealy is concerned and committed to the protection of faculty rights. He said, "I will fight to the end to protect faculty rights, period." Ealy has been associated with Guild 1521 since 1973 and has been involved with a variety of labor oriented experiences including being an AFT Collective Bargaining Charter Member. He is currently an Executive Board Member and has been since 1984.

structor at Southwest College is concerned with faculty rights, strengthening the union and distribution of district finances. "The money should be going to the classrooms, not the administrators." Rubio also wants to end any prejudices toward part-time instruc-

Sharma works for the college guild and the Los Angeles Community College District. Sharma is concerned with keeping the Guild honest and professional to insure that decisions made include all

Rubio, an English and ESL in-members and are in the best interest of the students because this is, "The reason we are teachers."

Marzillier is the current President and has served for one and a half years. His past achievements include the negotiation of a three year contract with a salary increase, organized students and faculty to protest and defeat the voucher initiative, which threatened public education and reactivated the Guild's District Budget Committee. "I think my record speaks for itself. I want to continue leading this team."

LAVC News Notes

Ouake Relief Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 16 is a quake relief rummage sale. Proceeds go to the Red Cross Relief Fund. For more information call Laurie Roberts at 908-0642.

Birth Control Update

Wednesday, April 13, in CC 203 Manilyn Johnson will be speaking about new methods of contraception. To reserve a space call 780-0652.

Depression Screening

Wednesday, April 20 in the Student Health Center will be depression screening from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To reserve a spot call 780-0652.

University Representatives Visit A CSUN representative will be available to speak with prospective students April 18 in the Transfer Center from 10 to 1 by appointment and April 11 in the Cafeteria from 10 to 1 on a drop by basis. A Mount Saint Mary's representative will be available April 13 from 10 to 11 in the Transfe. Center by appointment and fron 11 to 12:30 in Monarch Square

Call ext. 246.

Free Hiv Testing

Hiv testing will be available at no charge in the Student Health Center in the women's gym on April 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free Quake Counseling

The Asian Pacific Treatment Center is offering free counseling to post quake victims at their two offices in L.A. For information call (213) 252-1200

Susan Turcillo Scholarship

A \$500 award is being offered to full time female students who are involved in intercollegiate sports and who have a disability. Contact Joanne Waddell ext. 266 or 279.

Tau Alpha Epsilon

TAE scholorship checks are now available in the business office. A photo ID is required. For certificates of participation contact Laurie Roberts at 908-0642.

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